

REMARKS

We have amended independent claims 34 and 42 and cancelled claims 35, 41 and 43 to make it clear that the household appliance operates in accordance with a first set of functions when control signals are produced by the activation of knobs, buttons or both on the appliance control panel, and operates in accordance with a second set of functions when control signals are produced by a controller that communicates with the appliance.

Specifically, the appliance includes a memory with a first section that stores programs and information for the first set of functions, and a second section that stores the programs and information for the second set of functions. The appliance also includes a control means that utilizes the programs and information from the first section of the memory to control the operations of the appliance when the control signals are produced by the control panel. In contrast, the control means utilizes the programs and information included in the second section of the memory to control the operations of the appliance when the control signals are produced by the controller. As we stated in prior responses, the first set of functions and the second set of functions are exclusive of one another. Accordingly, there should be no confusion between which set of functions the appliance is using to control its operations at any given time.


We have made similar amendments to method claim 42 by stating that the appliance operates in accordance with the first set of functions if the control signals are pro-

duced by the control panel, and operates in accordance with the second set of functions if the control signals are produced the controller.

The amendments should overcome the Section 112 rejection. Further, the amendments should overcome the rejection of the claims as anticipated by United States Patent 4,837,414 because, *inter alia*, the '414 patent does not show, teach or suggest an appliance with a memory that has the first and second sections as set forth in amended independent claim 34 or an appliance that includes the separate methods of operation as set forth in amended claim 42. Accordingly, claims 34 and 42 as amended and the claims that depend therefrom should now be in form for allowance.

In light of the above, we respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims, as amended. Please charge any fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia A. Sheehan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

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